LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7341 DATE PREPARED: Jan 30, 2001

BILL NUMBER: HB 2124 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Emergency Removal from Child Care.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill allows the Division of Family and Children to provide for the emergency removal of children from a licensed or registered child care facility if the Division finds evidence of misconduct or mistreatment that constitutes an immediate risk to the health or safety of children at the facility, including child abuse or neglect, and specifies that the Division may not allow the facility to provide child care for any child until the Division has determined that the risk that led to the removal has been sufficiently addressed. The bill allows the Division to issue cease and desist orders and to remove children from facilities operating illegally as child care centers or child care homes. The bill requires the Division to request assistance from law enforcement if physical obstruction is offered to prevent the removal of children. It also requires the Division to request that the Attorney General seek an injunction to prevent the operation of an illegal child care center or child care home until that facility receives the appropriate license.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill describes the duties of the Division in the instance of imminent risk to children in child care settings. No new duties are required of the Division.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Family and Social Services Administration, Division of Family and Children.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Amy Brown, Legislative Liaison, Division of Family and Children, 232-4451.

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